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SUBJECT: SWEDISH AMBASSADOR VISITS DEMOCRATIC KAMPUCHEA

1. SWEDISH AMBASSADOR TO THAILAND, JEAN-CHRISTOPHE OBERG, VISITED ANGKOR WAT, CAMBODIA DEC 22-24. OBERG AND HIS WIFE ENTERED CAMBODIA AT THE ARANYAPRATHET-POIPET BORDER CROSSING WHICH HAS BEEN CLOSED TO ALL TRAFFIC SINCE APRIL, 1977. OBERGS WERE MET AT MID-BRIDGE BY HANDFUL OF KHMER ROUGE SOLDIERS WHO ESCORTED THE OBERGS FROM AND TO THE BORDER POINT. AFTER RETURNING TO THAILAND, AMBASSADOR OBERG TOLD REPORTERS HE HAD BEEN WELL RECEIVED BY CAMBODIAN DEPUTY PM FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS IENG SARY. (OBERG, WHO FORMERLY SERVED AS AMBASSADOR TO HANOI, IS NOW ACCREDITED TO SINGAPORE AND LAOS, AS WELL AS TO THAILAND. SWEDEN'S AMBASSADOR TO PEKING IS ACCREDITED CONCURRENTLY TO CAMBODIA.)

2. DESPITE LUNCHING WITH PM KRIANGSAK CHAMANAN THE DAY BEFORE DEPARTING FOR CAMBODIA, PM KRIANGSAK AND THE SWEDISH
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EMBASSY IN BANGKOK MAINTAINED THAT THE VISIT WAS PRIVATE AND THAT OBERG WAS NOT ON A MISSION TO MEDIATE DIFFERENCES BETWEEN THAILAND AND CAMBODIA. PM ALSO TOLD PRESS THAT ANY VOLUNTARY HELP IN THIS REGARD WOULD, OF COURSE, BE APPRECIATED BUT THAT RTG WOULD TRY TO HOLD DIRECT TALKS WITH THE CAMBODIANS. PRESS REPORTED DEC 27 THAT AMBASSADOR OBERG WAS MEETING AGAIN WITH PM KRIANGSAK.

3. COMMENT: OFFICIAL STATEMENTS NOTWITHSTANDING, OBERG'S VISIT TO CAMBODIA NATURALLY HAS SET OFF CONSIDERABLE SPECULATION THAT IT WAS UNDERTAKEN, WITH KRIANGSAK'S BLESSING, TO ATTEMPT TO MEDIATE THAI-CAMBODIAN BORDER PROBLEMS. WE WILL REPORT SUBSEQUENTLY ON RESULTS OR OTHER OBSERVATIONS OF INTEREST FLOWING FROM THE OBERG VISIT.
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